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TAGS: PINS, PFOR, HA

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT HOTEL CASTEL HAITI

1. DURING MEETING SEPT. 17 PRESIDENT DUVALIER, AFTER RENEWING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THREE RECENT BOMBING INCIDENTS OF AMERICAN PROVENANCE, SAID HARRINGTON HAD PHOTOGRAPHED KEY INSTALLATIONS IN CAPITAL INCLUDING PALACE, HEADQUARTERS GENERAL STAFF, MILITARY AIRPORT, THUS REVEALING THAT SCOPE OF HIS PLAN WAS MORE AMBITIOUS THAN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN THOUGHT.

2. PRESIDENT THEN HANDED ME DETAILED DEPOSITION BY CINDY ABRAMS DATED SEPT. 10 (TRANSMITTED SEPTEL) WHICH SUPPLEMENTS INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FROM ABRAMS AND MAY PROVIDE NEW LEADS FOR FBI INVESTIGATION. IT WAS EVIDENT THAT GOH PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS FOR ALL LEADS ON IDENTITY OF HARRINGTON'S HAITIAN CONTACTS OF WHOM, ACCORDING TO ABRAMS' ACCOUNT, THERE WERE AT LEAST TWO. (I LEARNED SEPARATELY FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT BLONDE FRENCH NATIONAL WIFE OF PERISTYLE PROPRIETOR MAX BEAUVOIR WAS DETAINED BY POLICE LAST WEEK BUT LATER RELEASED WHEN SHE HAD ENLISTED DORIN'S INTERVENTION.)

3. I ASKED PRESIDENT WHETHER DECISION HAD BEEN MADE ON REPATRIATING CINDY ABRAMS AND HE REPLIED THIS DEPENDED ON

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THE DOCTORS, ALSO SHE NEEDED TO BUY SOME NEW CLOTHES.

IMPLICATION WAS THAT NO OTHER OBSTACLE NOW REMAINED TO HER  
RELEASE.

4. PREVIOUS DAY (MONDAY) I HAD PRESENTED TO FOREIGN  
SECRETARY BRUTUS OUR SECOND PRELIMINARY REPORT ON CASTEL  
HAITI INCIDENT, DRAWING UPON STATE 202316 AS AUTHORIZED  
(COPY OF MY NOTE POUCHED ARA/CAR). BRUTUS RESPONDED TODAY  
WITH FURTHER NOTE URGING THAT USG EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION  
CASTEL HAITI AND RELATED INCIDENTS (TRANSLATION BEING  
REPORTED SEPTEL).  
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